

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lighting apparatus of a television, comprising:

one or more lamps installed to be concealed close to the screen of the  
5 television;

a ballast for stably supplying power to the lamps;

a power supply unit for supplying power necessary for both the ballast and the  
entire lighting apparatus;

an ON/OFF switch unit for turning on/off the lamps;

10 a control unit provided with programs for controlling the lighting apparatus and  
used to operate the ON/OFF switch unit;

a television state detecting unit for detecting ON/OFF operating states of the  
television; and

15 a remote control sensor unit for receiving ON/OFF operating commands for  
turning on/off the lamps.

2. The lighting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a bright  
detecting unit for detecting variation of external illuminance using a sensor, and  
outputting an electrical signal corresponding to the variation thereof.

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3. The lighting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a communication  
interface unit for receiving signals to turn on/off the lighting apparatus  
from outside a home, and performing a data communication function through the  
Internet or a data communication function through a telephone line.